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## NASA Wallops Locates Historical Ammunition Sites

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility is taking steps to notify and protect the public from potential unexploded ordnance dating back to when the U.S. Navy conducted operations at the site in the 1950s.

Recently studied historical archives show that unexploded ordnance items and live munitions may remain on U.S. Government property at the NASA Visitor Center and two other locations at Wallops.

The discovery of potential ammunition hazards is part of Wallops' on-going efforts to protect the local environment and provide public safety for activities that took place years ago as well as current activities at the Facility.

To date, only limited amounts of ammunition have been identified. However, the potential may exist for more items to be present.

The NASA Visitor Center will be closed January 30 through February 24. During this four-week period Department of Defense certified munitions experts will survey and remove any buried ammunition that may remain from when the U.S. Navy used the area as a firing range for machine guns.



*National Archives photo*  
**A WW2-era view of Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station**

"Although people do not normally walk in the area that is being searched by the marsh at the Visitor Center, we want our visitors to feel and be completely safe," said Dr. John Campbell, senior manager at Wallops. "Although no live munitions have been found at the site, we want to insure the safety of our visitors," he added.

The activity at the site is not expected to impact traffic on Virginia Route 175 adjacent to the Visitor Center. The grounds will reopen for public use once the clearing activity is complete.

In addition to the site at the Visitor Center, two other locations may contain unexploded ordnance and live munitions. They are the Main Base Boat Basin located on Jenneys Gut off of Mosquito Creek and the north end of Wallops Island.

To protect the public from inadvertently trespassing on the U.S. Government property and the potential unexploded ordnance at the Boat Basin and the north end of Wallops Island, new signs clearly marking the property have been posted on land, beaches and waterways.

The restrictions do not affect land surrounding Wallops Island that is owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia and managed by the Virginia Marine Resource Commission.

A Fact Sheet providing more information on the potential of unexploded ordnance and munitions at Wallops and identifying the U.S. Government property at Wallops is available on the Internet at:  
[www.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pdf/Wallops\\_Fact\\_Sht.pdf](http://www.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pdf/Wallops_Fact_Sht.pdf)

In addition, the Fact Sheet is available by calling x1139 and it will be distributed to various locations in the Town of Chincoteague.

## *We remember and honor their legacy.....*

### **Apollo 1**

On January 27, 1967, tragedy struck the Apollo program when a flash fire occurred in command module 012 during a launch pad test of the Apollo/Saturn space vehicle being prepared for the first piloted flight, the AS-204 mission. Three astronauts, Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom, a veteran of Mercury and Gemini missions; Lt. Col. Edward H. White, the astronaut who had performed the first United States extravehicular activity during the Gemini program; and Roger B. Chaffee, an astronaut preparing for his first space flight, died in this tragic accident.

### **Challenger**

The Space Shuttle Challenger's crew of seven astronauts died in the explosion of their spacecraft during the launch of STS-51-L on January 28, 1986, from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The explosion occurred 73 seconds into the flight, as a result of a leak in one of two Solid Rocket Boosters that ignited the main liquid fuel tank. The crew of STS-51-L included Mike Smith, Dick Scobee, Ron McNair. Back row from left, Ellison Onizuka, Christa McAuliffe, Greg Jarvis, Judith Resnik.

### **Columbia**

The *Columbia* STS-107 mission lifted off on January 16, 2003, for a 17-day science mission featuring numerous microgravity experiments. Upon reentering the atmosphere on February 1, 2003, the *Columbia* orbiter suffered a catastrophic failure. The orbiter and its seven crewmembers (Rick D. Husband, William C. McCool, David Brown, Laurel Blair Salton Clark, Michael P. Anderson, Ilan Ramon, and Kalpana Chawla) were lost approximately 15 minutes before *Columbia* was scheduled to touch down at Kennedy Space Center.

## Upcoming Training

### Contracting Officer Technical Representative

Dates: February 6 – 8, 2006

Target Audience: Civil Service Employees

### Contracting Officer Technical Representative Refresher

Dates: February 9, 2006

Target Audience: Civil Service Employees  
Prerequisites: Completion of Certification within the last 5 years.

To register for either class, fill in the GSFC 17-117 and email to your supervisor.

For more information go to: <http://ohrcoursecatalog.gsfc.nasa.gov/> or contact Dianne Severn at x66-4121.

## NASA College Scholarship Fund Call for Applications

The NASA College Scholarship Fund, Inc., (NCSF), is a non-profit organization that awards undergraduate scholarships to NASA dependents pursuing a course of study in science or engineering fields.

Up to six scholarships will be awarded this year. For your convenience, here is the link to the NCSF web site:

<http://nasapeople.nasa.gov/nasascholarship/index.htm>

NCSF has awarded 118 college scholarships since 1982. March 20 is deadline to submit applications.

## In Celebration of Black History Month



The Women Of Wallops, Federal Women's Program presents:

Brown Bag Luncheon

Wednesday, February 8  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Williamsburg Room – Bldg. E2

Guest Speaker: Fayettea Blake, President, BB and T Services

Ms. Blake will present proven strategies to help you create career successes for your future.

## The Wallops Black History Club presents

**"Celebrating Community: a Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions"**

Dinner and Entertainment

February 18  
5 p.m. to Midnight  
Cropper Center  
Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by February 10.

Contact Rebecca Beach at x1625, Cheryl Johnson at x1607 or Freda Johnson at x1466.

## Be a Wallops Mentee

Become a mentee today! This year there are 20 mentors for you to choose from at Wallops, and you only have until this Thursday, February 2, to register.

Register today at:  
<http://www.mentoringconnection.com>

Be sure to indicate that you are at Wallops. The Group ID is: GSFC2006. Print a copy of your application to obtain your supervisor's signature and mail to Mark Goldman, Code 114, Greenbelt with cc to Rich Billger, Code 113, Wallops.

For those that have previously been a mentor or mentee and would like to participate again in the same respect, e-mail or call Rich Billger at x2394 for registration.

## Ice Cream for CREAM II



To celebrate the successful balloon campaign for CREAM II, Computer Sciences Corporation and Swales will be providing free ice cream (Blue Bunny products) to all employees in the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come on out and join the celebration.

## Super Bowl Sunday at the Rocket Club



Seattle Seahawks vs Pittsburgh Steelers

February 5

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Kickoff at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a covered dish to share

For further information, contact Mike Barnhill at x1641

## For Sale

Verizon Wireless Inpulse Nokia 6015i cell phone. Brand new. Package never opened. Call Cheryl Johnson at (757) 665-7242.



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